

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Revised Changes for the 2023 Chesapeake Bay Recreational and Charter Boat Summer and Fall Fishery — Effective 5/18/2023

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces revisions to the change to the size limit for the striped bass recreational and charter boat summer and fall fishery for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, including the Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River. This notice supersedes all previous notices regarding changes to the 2023 Chesapeake Bay Recreational and Charter Boat Summer and Fall Fishery. Effective 12:01 a.m. May 18, 2023:

Except as described below, the minimum size for striped bass is 19 inches and the maximum size for striped bass is 31 inches. This rule is effective for the 2023 striped bass season, which runs from May 16, 2023, through July 15, 2023, and August 1, 2023, through December 10, 2023.

For the Susquehanna River, Susquehanna Flats, and Northeast River, from May 18, 2023 through May 31, 2023, the minimum size for striped bass is 19 inches and the maximum size for striped bass is 26 inches.

All other rules remain the same.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This action is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass.

<http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/64529753pr10AtlSripedBassEmergencyAction.pdf>

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who catch striped bass recreationally in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, including the Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River.

AUTHORITY

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